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SUBJ: CONCERN SUBSIDES REGARDING ATTACKS ON JEWISH

PROPERTY IN MONTEVIDEO

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1. SINCE THE DISPATCH OF REF A REPORTING ATTACKS ON JEWISH PROPERTY IN MONTEVIDEO AND POLICE INVESTIGATION THEREOF, POLOFF HAS MET REGULARLY WITH JULIO KNEIT (JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER AND CLOSE CONTACT OF RABBI ROSENTHAL--REF B) REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS AND COMMUNITY REACTION. KNEIT INDICATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INCIDENTS, WHILE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE INITIAL ATTACKS AND THE REACTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND GOU AUTHORITIES TO THE INCIDENTS.

2. KNEIT STATED THAT THE ATTACKS OCCURRED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 30, APRIL 1, AND APRIL 5. THE TARGETS WERE SOME 15 PROPERTIES OF THE COMMUNITY, SEVERAL OF WHICH WERE ATTACKED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCSION. IN ONE INCIDENT, TWO SHOTS WERE FIRED. COMMUNITY LEADERS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH AND WERE RECEIVED

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BY FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA, VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AMONDARAIN AND CHIEF OF ESMACO GENERAL RAPELA, WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN AND PROMISED TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY'S 50 SCATTERED PROPERTIES IN MONTEVIDEO.

3. KNEIT ADMITTED, WITH HIS USUAL FRANKNESS, THAT THE

COMMUNITY DOES NOT KNOW WHO PERPETRATED THE INCIDENTS
NOR DOES IT KNOW THEIR AIMS. HE SPECULATED THAT BECAUSE
OF THE TIMING OF THE ATTACKS, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND
DURING THE VISIT OF THE ABA MISSION, THE INSTIGATORS MIGHT
HAVE BEEN ULTRA-RIGHTISTS SEEKING TO EMBARRASS THE GOU.
KNEIT INDICATED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS SET IN MOTION ITS
OWN INTERNAL SELF-DEFENSE PROCEDURES AND IS NOT REPEAT
NOT OVERLY CONCERNED BY THE INCIDENTS. HE SPECIFICALLY
INDICATED SATISFACTION THAT RABBI ROSENTHAL HAD NOT TAKEN
ACTION TO PUBLICIZE THE INCIDENTS, AS THE COMMUNITY HERE
CONSIDERS SUCH ACTION COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN
LIGHT OF THE POSITIVE REACTION BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND THE CESSATION OF THE ATTACKS.
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